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Welcome from the Editor

Whether you have followed and supported Operation Agri over the last 60 years or are very new to the charity, I hope you find this refreshed magazine both informative and challenging.

The people and communities we have supported over the last six decades have had their lives improved beyond their hopes and expectations. Men and women, young people and children are taught, mentored, and trained in ways which transform their families and communities – all because you and many other people care enough to give.

Thank you, Nigel.

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Sharing hope and health in Nicaragua

Lydia Caldera and the AMOS Communications Team provide training and support for local Health Promoters and leaders in rural communities

Health inequities in rural Nicaragua

Can you imagine living in a remote, rural community with no immediate access to a paved road, clean water, hospital, or medicines? This is the life of thousands of marginalised families living in rural Nicaragua, who also lack financial resources for medicines or emergency transportation to the nearest health unit, which

can be several hours away. Nicaragua is the poorest Spanish-speaking country in the world. Poverty and inaccessibility pose great threats to the lives of thousands of pregnant mums, children, and patients with chronic illnesses. One of them is Sara*. Sara lives in the rural community of Apantillo, in the mountains of Matagalpa. She has two beautiful boys,

“**AMOS Health and Hope ... partners with Operation Agri to train local leaders ...**

a three-year-old and a 22-month-old. Her husband works in the fields to provide food for the family, but they struggle to make ends meet.

Every month, Sara walks more than an hour through muddy, steep, slippery hills, holding both of her children in her arms, to take them to a weighing session at the community clinic. It is a difficult walk, but Sara knows it is important. There, Ada Luz Montenegro, Health Promoter of Apantillo, measures their height and weight, and assesses their nutritional condition according to WHO standards.

Training local leaders to provide basic health care

Ada Luz has been trained as a Health Promoter by AMOS Health and Hope, a Christian non-profit organisation in Nicaragua, that partners with Operation Agri to train local leaders in 23 remote communities on simple, but life-saving health protocols.



◀ Ada Luz practicing how to take vital signs

▼ A Health Promoter with Covid 19 educational materials



Ada Luz says: 'A couple of months ago, I realised that both of Sara's children were underweight. I talked to her and asked if they had been sick or if something was happening at home. Sara told me that lately they had lost their appetite.'

Ada Luz examined the boys and concluded they were suffering from a parasitic infection. 'So, I gave them deworming pills and counselled the mum on how to prepare the food supplements AMOS provides to children in the community, and about good nutrition practices.'

I followed up on their health and visited them regularly to check on the boys' progress. Now they are both at an ideal weight and their appetites have returned.

Sara was so happy to see her children back to good health!

Partnerships for lasting change

Child malnutrition is one of the biggest threats for poor families in Nicaragua and impacts their future life and opportunities. For poor mums like Sara, having access to deworming pills, food supplements, and a Health Promoter trained to monitor children's growth and provide health education, has been an incredible blessing.

For many years Operation Agri and AMOS have partnered to provide training for local leaders like Ada Luz, so they can offer healthcare, medicines, and health education to families like

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Sara's. By strengthening the capacity of local leaders, we are helping advance community empowerment and fostering a long-term, sustainable effort to reduce health inequities in remote and impoverished communities.

**Beneficiaries' names and images may have been changed to protect their privacy.*

Based on an interview with Ada Luz Montenegro, Health Promoter in the rural community of Apantillo.

Generous giving

Treasurer **James Townsend** celebrates the life-transforming projects funded by six decades of donations and gifts

It all adds up! D + G + P = T

2021 is Operation Agri's 60th Anniversary year! The charity celebrates its 60th year supporting projects in Asia, Africa, and South America. That's 15 projects in ten countries on three continents!

A conservative estimate is that gifts and donations of over £8 million have been given to Operation Agri towards projects to transform the lives of thousands of people over the years, (men, women, and children), through the work of Operation Agri and our in-country partners.

Projects from the earliest of days in the 60's include shipping day-old chicks overseas, the training of farmers in new ways to increase their yields and move them from subsistence farming, and educating women and children in life and vocational skills, and healthcare in the community. All of which sum up to the transformation of so many lives, over six decades.

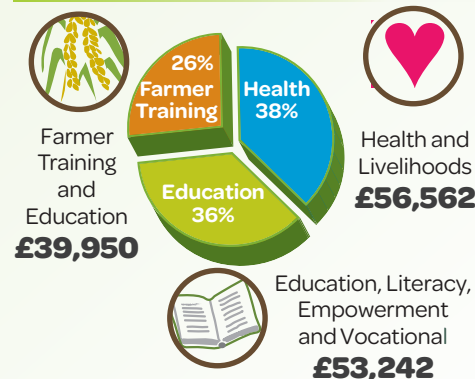
A challenge and a thank you

2020 was a challenging year, due of course to the pandemic, but we were especially encouraged that income amounted to £150,000 for the year ending 31st October 2020 compared with £152,000 for the same period in 2019. An enormous thank you to all who supported and gifted to Operation Agri during such a difficult year.

Grants to the projects in 2020 amounted to £149,000 – an amazing accomplishment compared with £152,000 grants in 2019.

Total Grants 2019–20

£149,335



D + G + P = T?

**That's D = Donors + G = Gifts
+ P = Projects = T = Transformed Lives!**

Thank you again for your support of the work of Operation Agri over the years, we look forward to accomplishing much more in the decades ahead – with your support and by the Grace of our Lord Jesus.

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you have given to one of the least of these my brothers, you have given to me.'"

MATTHEW 25:40

For an OA map annotated with grants by country, email: admin@operationagri.org.uk



James Townsend
Operation Agri Treasurer

Slavery lives on

Jerry Clewett, Operation Agri Trustee, and International Development Consultant examines modern slavery

From our history lessons most of us are aware that a strong movement emerged in 18th century Britain to put an end to the buying and selling of human beings. We are probably less aware of the anti-slavery campaigners in Africa such as Ottobah Cugoano, born in what is now Ghana, enslaved, and then set free in 1752. In 1787 he wrote, *'Thoughts and Sentiments on the Evil and Wicked Traffic of the Slavery and Commerce of the Human Species'*. I could easily take the same title for this article because here we are, almost 250 years later, still trying to work out how human trafficking, (or modern slavery, or trafficking in persons as it is sometimes referred to), can be stopped.

Scale beyond imagination

According to Anti-Slavery International 'people can be trafficked and exploited in many forms, including being forced into sexual exploitation, labour, begging, crime, (such as growing cannabis or dealing drugs), domestic servitude, marriage or organ removal'. But the common theme is still people trapped through violence, deception or coercion and then exploited for financial gain.

People – not just statistics

The sheer scale of the problem today is reflected in this data from the International Labour Organisation:

- 40.3 million people are in modern slavery, including 24.9 million in forced labour and 15.4 million in forced marriage.
- One in four victims of modern slavery are children.
- Women and girls are disproportionately affected by forced labour, accounting for 99% of victims in the commercial sex industry, and 58% in other sectors.



What can we do?

Two Operation Agri partners, CMCY in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Oasis India in Mumbai, engage in anti-human trafficking work in highly complex situations. In Kalwa (Mumbai) traffickers may be in a chain of men and women, local or from far away states, who lure young girls and women to work in the sex industry, or boys and men for industrial work. Some recruit locally: for example, boys arriving at the railway station, who are then forced into child labour. Oasis India cannot solve this global problem alone, but they do contribute significantly by increasing awareness of human trafficking among those most at risk, through discussions and rallies in communities and schools, and by liaising with the police to develop a safer community environment.



Tweet Tweet



We are continuing to share our stories on Social Media and have been working hard to update our Twitter account. The latest news items and updates are now also available on Twitter. If you or your church have a Twitter account, please follow us, share and like our tweets. [Twitter@OperationAgri](https://twitter.com/OperationAgri)

Digital events continue

Did you join us for our latest digital event? Please ensure you have completed the feedback form and shared any thoughts and suggestions for improvements for our next one. We started these events in November 2020 and due to the success, we continued to run them into 2021. It's lovely to see so many supporters joining us and asking questions. We do hope to return to face-to-face events very soon and plan to continue to run some digital events, even as the restrictions lift. These events allow us to bring supporters together across the country and share like-minded interests.

If you have a friend or family member you think would be interested, please do share the registration details with them, as they are released.

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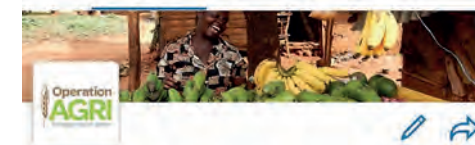
Do you have a LinkedIn account for your professional work or research? Please follow us on LinkedIn. This year stay tuned for details including recruitment information on how to join Operation Agri as a Trustee. We are on the lookout for more Trustees to join the charity and even looking for a new Chairperson to come on-board. All the details will be posted on LinkedIn very soon. Becoming a Trustee can seem daunting and feel like a big commitment of time, but with a current very supportive Trustee group, you will be inducted into the role, which brings a huge amount of joy and pleasure.

Digital excitement



We are working on something very exciting at the moment ...

A brand-new website for Operation Agri where you will find the latest news, *Presents with a Purpose* information, updates on our projects from across the globe and much more. We will share the new website with you very soon, stay tuned to find out more.



Bangladesh hard-hit by the pandemic

Tarun Mondol, Director of CMCY, Bangladesh, looks at the devastating impact of lockdown measures on poor communities

CMCY is a child focussed organisation of the Church of Bangladesh, working for the benefit of needy children living in the darkness of severe poverty in Bangladesh. We serve this distressed humanity with limited resources.

The Bangladesh Government has announced full lockdown in the country: all offices, schools, colleges, universities, markets, vehicle movements, vans, rickshaws, and street vendors are fully closed. The low-income groups, those who earn a daily wage, have lost their earnings and are starving. They desperately need food, drinking water, personal hygiene materials, and masks, otherwise they cannot survive. The education of the children is being greatly hampered; the needs are great.

The impact of coronavirus has made the whole situation worse in this poor country. People are living in panic and anxiety. The poor and low-income groups are suffering most, falling into the vicious cycle of terrible poverty. The Bangladesh Government is



Educational supplies – receiving pens



“The poor and low-income groups are suffering most ...

trying its best to curb the poverty line, but Bangladesh is an emerging country, and its resources are limited.

Many of its people are poor and live from hand to mouth. Transportation facilities and education systems are shut down and people face difficulties. Workers and students are imprisoned in their homes. People in Bangladesh don't want lockdown as they don't want to die of starvation. Health management systems also face problems, so medical treatment is hampered. To survive, many people leave Dhaka for their native villages. Busy Dhaka has lost its usual look. During lockdown, suicide,

depression and many other psychological problems also create a notorious segment. Everywhere there is anxiety, fear, uncertainty, unemployment, frustration and human loss.

The COVID-19 lockdown has imprisoned the students at home, but we are trying our best to equip children with education. The Operation Agri supported project works with 125 girls, aiming to spread awareness of education, health and malnutrition, and, thereby, decrease the vulnerability of women and children

Distribution of safety materials ▶



to sexual exploitation, trafficking and dishonour.

The girls are not connected with the Internet, so they have only the physical connection through family visits by the project staff, and sometimes through mobile phone calls with the co-operation of their neighbours. We provide

education materials such as textbooks, exercises, pens, pencils, uniforms and coaching support.

Editor: Please note that this was written in April/May 2021 and the situation may have changed.



C-Sixty Challenge

Operation Agri celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year but, due to COVID-19, we have not been able to complete all our planned events. We wanted to hold local events and encourage our supporters to do the same. Instead, we came up with the C-Sixty Challenge.

To encourage fundraising and support, three Trustees, and Josh, have given themselves challenges to complete this summer. Please see page 10 to donate to these worthy challenges.

What challenge could you do?

If you fancy undertaking your own challenge, please get in touch, and we will help you to organise an event to support Operation Agri.

**Meet Nigel:**

The magazine
Editor and Trustee

Childhood should be
valued by everyone as it
was to Jesus:

'He took a little child whom

**He placed among them. Taking the child
in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever
welcomes one of these little children in my
name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes
me does not welcome me but the one who
sent me." MARK 9:36-37.**

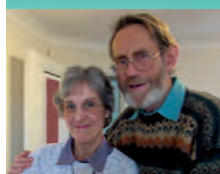
*Having been the recipient of a providing home,
a good education, and the care of the National
Health Service from birth, I will direct all your
sponsorship money for my 60 mile accrued
walk towards projects that support and care
for children.*

**To support Josh or Nigel please
visit our website and donate:
www.operationagri.org.uk/c60**

**Meet Josh:**

who produces the Youth Page

*In support of OA's 60th Anniversary,
I will be doing a sponsored cycle ride
equivalent to the distance from Croydon to
Canterbury. My route will be around the local
Downs and I'm looking forward to the views
I will get to see! The money raised will be
going towards water filtration systems for
families that OA support.*

Meet Russell (Chairman) and Gill Ashley-Smith (Trustee)

*We've visited water
projects supported by
Operation Agri which
release local people,
(the women!), from*

*walking long distances carrying heavy pots of
water of dubious quality.*

*To mark our Golden Wedding this July, we're
inviting relatives and friends to join us in
raising £1,000 towards a current project –
helping over 500 people in a remote village
in Rukum, West Nepal have a reliable water
supply. Mountain spring water feeds a protected*

*storage tank with buried pipes leading to
tap-stands in the village. OA's grant goes
towards supplying equipment and skilled
tradespeople while the villagers contribute
local materials and their labour.*

This is a project of the Multi-disciplinary
Community Development Service, (MCDS),
of the Nepal Baptist Church.

To contribute go to:

[https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/
fundraising/nepal-water-project](https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/nepal-water-project)

or contact Operation Agri directly.



Prayer: we invite you to pray

During the Pandemic our
Partners are working to maintain
relationships and make progress,
mostly working from home using
mobile phones. Writing in late May
the 'Indian variant' is hot news.
So, let's start there.

India

*Sulekha Thapa from our
Partner Oasis India:*

Greetings in Jesus' name and hope
you and the OA team are well.

The second wave of COVID-19
has hit India and the numbers are
increasing; death toll is huge.

Our Government has announced a
strict lockdown and all activities
have been suspended including
work in Kalwa (OA project
location).

Our staff are working from home
and are in contact with the
community leaders. Deepak, who
is from the community, is able to
update as required.

Do pray for the situation to get
better and activities to be restored
soon.

... and other countries in South Asia.

Nepal

OA Partner MCDS has two projects
we support. This update is via BMS.

The situation in Nepal is
deteriorating and, following the
pattern in India with medical
services being overwhelmed, the
government has extended the
current lockdown.

A number of the Nepal Baptist
Church Council team have positive
COVID-19 tests and are isolating.
MCDS is providing some support to
communities.

Sri Lanka

*Diordre Moraes from our
Partner LEADS:*

Sri Lanka certainly needs prayers!
Operation Agri project work has
been halted in Kilinochchi. By
mid-May there were 400 positive
cases from the Kilinochchi district,
so we have been in touch with the
Infectious Diseases Hospital there
to provide support. The hospital
had to be expanded to cope with
the demand.

The situation is not so different
on other continents where OA is
involved.

Uganda

*Dennis Ssettaala from our
Partner SDKF:*

We're in the rainy season which
causes most of our classes to be

interrupted as most students can't
attend.

Pray that our staff and students
will make up the time lost during
this rainy season.

Lastly, with the new strain of
COVID-19 entering the country
from India, pray for us that
we don't go through another
lockdown as other countries have
started doing.

Nicaragua

*Alyssa Luisi from our
Partner AMOS:*

Thanks so much again for
remembering us and our partner
communities before the Lord!

Praise God that our rural health
programme team has successfully
completed their first round of
supportive supervision in our 23
rural communities.

Please pray for all families in
Nicaragua in need of health care,
medicines, clean water, and food.

Finally, a request from Alyssa that
could be from any of our partners
and their countries.

Join us in prayer for those affected
by the COVID-19 pandemic, for
those mourning, caring for the sick,
and those still struggling with its
economic impact.



How it started

Six years ago, Geoff Holder from African Pastors Fellowship, (APF), visited us in Malawi. Our church, New Life Christian Church, had a long relationship with APF dating back to when Ralph and Jane Hanger were working for APF, so it was wonderful to continue the partnership. Jane is a Trustee at Operation Agri, so we share much in common.

Malawi was suffering from serious food shortages. During the 2015–16 planting season, farmers planted in November, but no rain came. They planted again in December, but no rain came. Finally, they planted in January but still no rain came. When some rain eventually arrived, they had no seed

left to plant. As hunger bit, the Malawian government declared a State of Emergency blaming climate change and soil degradation. Poor access to food was putting huge pressure on families and communities; a plan soon emerged. All of us had attended sustainable farming training in Zimbabwe. Using this knowledge, we developed a vision of how to help disadvantaged communities to be food secure.

Village sustainable agriculture training

With Operation Agri involved and funds arriving, our vision became a reality; we got to work! Our system involved working directly with farmers. We taught simple but proven



“Lloyd Chizenga runs the Growing Greener sustainable agriculture project in Malawi in partnership with African Pastors Fellowship and Operation Agri. The project continues to transform lives and livelihoods.”

Pastor Lloyd with maize ▲
Women outside church ▶
Bicycles in Malawi ▼

sustainable farming methods to each participating community.

Lloyd Chizenga runs the *Growing Greener* sustainable agriculture project in Malawi in partnership with African Pastors Fellowship and Operation Agri. The project continues to transform lives and livelihoods. Ben Phili, a father of six living in abject poverty in a tiny grass-thatched house, was one of our first *Growing Greener*



project participants. He depended on aid organisations for food relief. Ben attended our training and learnt how to make compost, how to space seeds and plant them in planting stations. He started using the previous year's crop waste as a mulch rather than burning it, and prepared his fields early so he could plant as soon as the rain arrived. As his yields improved, debts were paid off. After completing all three years of training, he saved enough to invest in some goats. He now has a good house with a strong roof. He is keen to talk to others about the things he has learnt.



Bringing about change

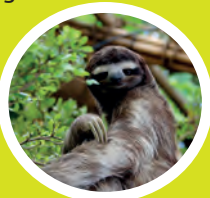
Although those involved in the project are seeing big changes, moving away from traditional farming practices remains difficult. It must happen from within each community. Some still find it all very suspicious, and several project participants have been accused of witchcraft. When it is explained that the training comes from the church, however, the accusers ask if they can join the training too.

Through this project, APF and Operation Agri have helped many hundreds of families to be food secure. Last year, when we really struggled to meet with our farmer training groups because of coronavirus restrictions, we still worked in 70 villages.



As many will remember Oppy retired from travelling to different Operation Agri projects. However, as part of Operation Agri's 60th birthday celebrations, several of the friends he met on his travels are coming to visit him in the UK.

So far, he has had visits from Rusty the Red Panda from Nepal, and Vikki the Vervet Monkey from Uganda. The third visitor is Silky the three-toed Sloth and she has brought news from NICARAGUA.



MISSING words

Silky told Oppy all about the medical work going on in Nicaragua. See if you can put these words in the right order to find out what Silky said.

The letters A and E have been shown as clues.

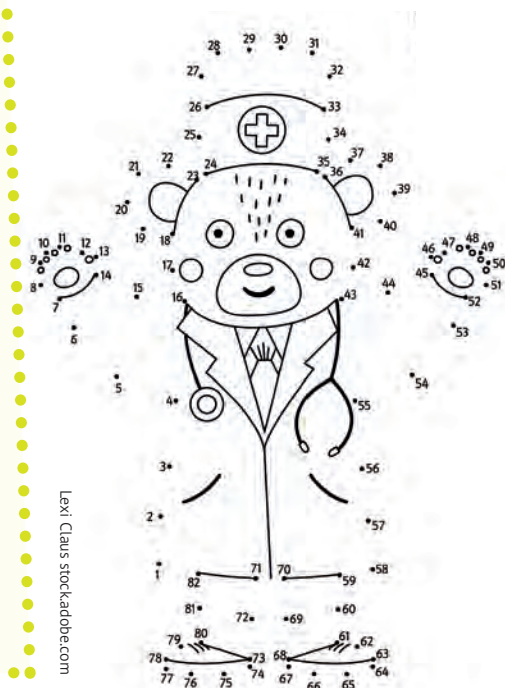
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Connect the dots



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Here is a picture of me (Josh) on my bike in preparation for this adventure.



For OA's 60th anniversary I, Kernal Corn, will be doing a sponsored cycle ride alongside the writer of this page, Josh!

The plan is to cycle 75 miles in support of water filtration systems that OA provides for different projects.

The cycling will take us over the local countryside: I'll be sure to include pictures in our next issue!



If you are interested in sponsoring me, here is a link to the OA website!

operationagri.org.uk/c60

Operation Agri: supporting agricultural projects and so much more!

Diversity

During a recent Operation Agri Webinar a comment was made about the, perhaps surprising, diversity of projects supported by the charity. It is possible that many observers think in a similar way, that Operation Agri specialises solely in agricultural work.

Whilst a proportion of the work supported by Operation Agri does relate to cultivation of the land, the benefits are not restricted to just the growing of food. Agricultural projects, like other non-agricultural ones, seek to release people from poverty and transform lives and communities.

Far reaching outcomes

It is also very true that the outcomes of the many and various project activities are far reaching, as indicated by the sample given in the word diagram. Many of the outcomes extend far beyond the initial expectations of the project proposals and are intricately woven into the life-changing work of our in-country partners.



Through your generosity Operation Agri is able to touch many lives for the better.

The words have been garnered from many and varied sources. If you have noted from any Operation Agri source a word or phrase which should have been included, please let me know.

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Home call of Paul Kyalimpa

June 18th 2021: It is with great sadness that we bring you news of the death of Paul Kyalimpa in Uganda. He was our in-country partner overseeing agricultural and literacy work. Paul had been in hospital on oxygen. Please remember his bereaved wife, Christine, and the children Joy, Joseph, and Josephine. They also had three orphans living with them. Our prayers are with the family in Uganda

and their close friends. We give thanks to God for the thousands of men, women, and children in that part of East Africa who have benefitted, materially and spiritually, from Paul's teaching over the last twenty years, and will continue to do so, indirectly, in the years ahead. In Christ, the Trustees of Operation Agri.

Please see page 19 where Paul is mentioned.

Marathon fundraiser

Paul Reddaway details his preparations for running the London Marathon



I am delighted to be running the London Marathon in 2021 on behalf of Operation Agri. I last ran the London Marathon back in 1996 when I vowed never to run it again, but the passing years have softened my resolve! I am 61 years old, have recently retired and have always been a keen athlete, now running for my local club Ware Joggers in Hertfordshire.

I am also a regular Parkrunner, running over 300 times in the last six years at over 80 different venues in the UK – and one in Norway.

In February, I amended my training programme to include a long run each week, as well as my usual training, including 'virtual races' with my running club. Over recent months I steadily increased the mileage so as to be well prepared for the big day.

As of 29th May I included a 10 mile race at the Lee Valley VeloPark, (home of the London 2012 Olympics), which I completed in 62:44 mins. As I crossed the finishing line it dawned on me that the full marathon is another 16.2 miles longer, so I will increase my weekly running mileage from my current average of 40 miles. By the time you read this in July/August I will be pushing this average up to 50-60 miles per week. I now have a training schedule to get me to this point. I plan to run a 20-mile race in early September; this should provide a good indication as to how I will tackle the London Marathon a month later.

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Farming Partnership Initiatives (FPI) in Tanzania

Extracts from the FPI Annual Report 2020

Vulnerability to victory

Farming Partnership Initiatives, (FPI), is a registered Community Based Organisation, (CBO), in the Karagwe district of Tanzania working with small-scale farmers in Karagwe and Kyerwa. FPI focuses on turning the vulnerability of rural farmers into victory and empowering them to be Agents of Change, benefactors of the poor, and role models in their communities. We tackle issues affecting them, such as environmental conservation, sustainable food production and rural

development. All these are possible because of Operation Agri.

Many farmers are vulnerable, but FPI sees beyond their vulnerability to the power they have, to victory. It is not easy. Development is a process. It needs and takes time, especially when working with rural people.

Biblical basis

As our heavenly Father dealt with Israel as recorded in Judges 6:2, we read 'Because the power of Midian was so oppressive, the

◀ Mrs. Albina James, from the Tugerenderere Farmers' Group demonstrates how to make natural pesticides

Israelites prepared shelters for themselves in mountain clefts, caves and strongholds'.

So, Gideon tried to hide his wheat from the Midianites. When the angel of God came, he found him in the cave as a powerless man, full of fear, because the Midianites caused poverty to the Israelites.

But God looked at Gideon differently (JUDGES 6:11–14):

'The angel of the LORD came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior."

"Pardon me, my LORD," Gideon replied, "but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."

The LORD turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

Authority to go

FPI is here to tell small-scale farmers; 'Go in the strength you have and save the community out of poverty's hands. Is not God sending you? The community is waiting for you.'

Originally Farming Partnership Initiatives was founded ... to help them fight food shortages, food poverty and, above all, the lack of self-confidence because of lifestyles caused by poverty. We do this by using God's Word which touches peoples' hearts.

Heavenlight's testimony

Heavenlight Luoga works with Deeper Life Bible Church as a local pastor and co-founder of FPI. He was inspired to establish FPI when he was training Pastors and Church Leaders in Kitwe village in 2008. One evangelist from Mchuba Lutheran Church, Mr. Joshua Mpogazi, stood up and said, 'You're doing a great job to equip us in order to become good Christ workers, you feed us with spiritual food, but physically we're so hungry, how can you help us?' Heavenlight was shocked, it was completely unexpected. It was at that moment that he conceived the vision of what is continuing today, the training of small-scale farmers.

He contacted Operation Agri, but unfortunately, he got a negative response and became disappointed. A few months later he got an email from Stan Crees of OA asking him to meet with Ralph Hanger, but his conversation with Ralph disappointed him totally because of the way he was asking questions*. Again, he lost hope and all expectations. But a couple of weeks later he got an invitation to visit Rev. Paul Kyalimpa's agricultural project in Busia, Uganda, with a few farmers. His hopes and expectations were resurrected. In April 2009 a team of farmers from Karagwe visited Busia and saw what the farmers were doing through OA support. Finally, in 2011 Operation Agri started, officially, to support our training project.

**Editor's Note: Operation Agri receives many requests which have to be assessed with caution and require technical submissions.*





Farming is the main livelihood in Kyerwa District, Tanzania.

Since receiving training from Farming Partnership Initiatives Mrs Lydia Nelson sells vegetables to neighbours and in other areas.

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